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SUBJECT: CENTO MILITARY COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM

1. FOLLOWING THE SECRETARY'S OFFER AT LAST MAY'S CENTO
MINISTERIAL MEETING TO ASK CONGRESS FOR UP TO \$5 MILLION FOR UPGRADING

THE CENTO-OWNED MILITARY COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM (CMCS),
THE CENTO COMBINED MILITARY PLANNING STAFF (CMPS)
BEGAN DEVELOPING A CMCS REQUIREMENTS PAPER. THE STAFF IS
NOW WRITING THE THIRD DRAFT FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE CENTO
PERMANENT MILITARY DEPUTIES GROUP, FOLLOWED BY REFERRAL TO
NATIONAL AUTHORITIES. BEFORE THE PLANNING PROCEEDS FURTHER,
WE NEED TO KNOW THE ANTICIPATED FUND AVAILABILITY DATE
AND IDENTIFICATION OF THE US AGENCY THAT WILL PROVIDE
EXPERTISE IN PLANNING AND CARRYING OUT THE SYSTEM'S UPGRADING.

2. WE HOPE THAT POSITIVE ANSWERS TO THESE QUESTIONS CAN
BE GIVEN SOON. THE PERMANENT MILITARY DEPUTIES, DURING
THEIR VISIT TO WASHINGTON THIS NEXT WEEK, NO DOUBT WILL
WISH TO BE BRIEFED ON THE CURRENT STATUS OF FUNDING EFFORTS.

3. WE RECOGNIZE THAT ENTIRE \$5 MILLION WILL NOT BE
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REQUIRED IN ANY ONE FISCAL YEAR, BUT WE WOULD HOPE

THAT AT LEAST NECESSARY FEASIBILITY STUDIES WOULD BE
UNDER WAY PRIOR TO NEXT SPRING'S MINISTERIAL MEETING.
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